

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

HOWARD K. STERN,

Plaintiff,

versus

RITA COSBY and HACHETTE BOOK GROUP  
USA, INC. d/b/a Grand Central Publishing, and  
JOHN OR JANE DOE,

**Defendants.**

Civ. Action No. 07-CV-8536 (DC)

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to enable judges and magistrate judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Hachette Book Group USA, Inc. (a non-governmental corporate party) states that Hachette Book Group USA, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hachette Livre USA, Inc.; Hachette Livre USA, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lagardere North America Inc.; Lagardere North America Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hachette SA; and Hachette SA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lagardere SCA, which is traded on the Paris stock exchange.

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